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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 14 as follows:

14.   (currently amended) The operating system kernel according to claim 11, wherein said predetermined set of values are selected from a the group of heuristics consisting of number of read requests, number of write requests, proportion of read requests to write requests, average time for a process to submit successive job requests, input/output throughput, and disk utilization.;